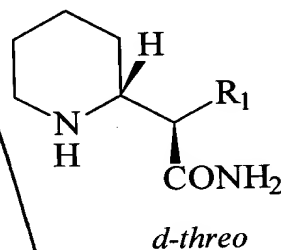
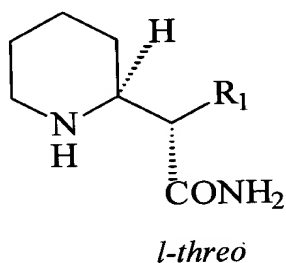


1. (Amended) A synthetic process comprising the steps of preferentially forming *d-threo* acid salts of *d-threo* piperidyl acetamide stereoisomers with respect to *l-threo* piperidyl acetamide stereoisomers by:

providing a mixture of said *d,l-threo* piperidyl acetamide stereoisomers having formulas:



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is aryl having about 6 to about 28 carbon atoms; and

reacting said stereoisomers with an acid resolving agent in an organic solvent[, thereby forming acid salts of said *d-threo* stereoisomers preferentially with respect to said *l-threo* stereoisomers].